



*Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays
and Best Wishes for a Happy and
Healthy New Year!*

The Milford Friendship Circle

Circle ladies met at the home of Brenda Minaker on Thursday, November 5th at 1:30 p.m.

President Margaret opened with this very true maxim – Ideas won't work, unless you do.

Brenda's *Thought for the Day* was entitled Reflections on Remembrance Day by John Diefenbaker.

Maureen's October minutes were read and okayed.

Seven members answered roll call with a memory of Remembrance Day. Jean entertained us with a reading about *A Sailor's Twenty-third Psalm*.

Treasurer Wilma reported our finances. Now, we have to make the weighty decision of what to do with all this booty. The outcome? We are giving donations to the Salvation Army, food bank and the *South Marysburgh Mirror*.

Several members in the community were remembered with phone calls.

For their Christmas outing, the ladies are joining at the Lighthouse Restaurant for lunch on Thursday, December 3rd.

Margaret closed the meeting with one of her humorous readings *Having Mom Over for Dinner*.

The ladies convened at Brenda's dining table to be offered the result of Brenda's culinary skills. Wilma thanked the hostess on behalf of the group and everyone was in complete accord.



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The Assembly of Gentlemen

It was only a matter of time before The Assembly of Gentlemen weighed in on the issue of size of council that has plagued Prince Edward County for years. In their own inimitable way, the opinion of the AoG has, historically, been divided as to whether a reduction in council is necessary, and the positive outcome that would result?

For some members, the reduction is seen as healthier for the county; for others, the status quo is fine and individual Councillors have to live with the consequences of their decisions.

Those AoG members who feel a reduction in size of council is necessary cited Councillors Gale, Roberts, Turpin, Harrison, Maynard, Neiman, Ferguson, Epstein, and Pennell as examples of members of council being of abundant enough proportion to allow for a reasonable reduction of several pounds, if only for health reasons. "These people need to put down their forks," opined one member.

As an AoG spokesman explained, "Council is too big and it's time for them to look long and hard in the mirror and cut the waist. A smaller council could act more quickly, get around the county quicker and more easily, and would be more agile in decision-making."

Other members of the AoG were a little more generous in their assessments, "Ya, members of council may be a little too big in some ways, but what do you do with the Mayor and Councillor Hull? Them two wee potatoes can't reduce any more or you'd have to pick 'em up just to say hello!"



The South Marysburgh Recreation Board

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Meetings, Events, Announcements

Recreation Board Meeting

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Saturday, January 30, 2016
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Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
December 1903

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

Tue. 1 - Well a very nice day. Mirt and I left Dan's on our way down home stoped to Jake's for dinner and then down home we had a lovely day for to come and I never saw the roads as nice. Lloyd was very cross but was good on the road.

Wed. 2 - A day of hustling around. Getting the house in shape. Putting down carpets and up stove pipes. And to finish up Archie and I took my sow out to Uncle Nath's.

Thur. 3 - Still we were at the same old thing getting things straitened around in the house. I drove down to Mr Spafford Ina come up with me.

Fri. 4 - Archie and I bank the house Went out to Uncle Nath's with my sow again. Pa and Ma started for Picton this after noon

Sat. 5 - Mirt and Ina unpacked her dishes and washed them up. I fixed up Gespey's blanked.

Sun. 6 - Mirt and I Lloyd went down to Mr. Spaffords. Archie took Ina down. Coming up home the wind was in our face and cold.

Mon. 7 - Mr. Spafford came up with his team and we went up to West Lake after a load of Oats stayed to Dan's all night.

Tue. 8 - Mr. Spafford and I were at Dan's. We went up to Frank Huff after a Ton of My Hay for Mr. Tubbs Then after dinner we helped Dan kill his hogs It was a nice day. Some snow on the ground but not enough for good sleighing.

Wed. 9 - The wind out of the North East and snowing. Mr. Spafford and I started with our load from Dan's I fetched my heffer along. Come to Jakes with the intention of leaving her But Archie happened to be there with the sleigh put her in and He fetch her on down Mr. Spafford stoped to Milford till after dinner and then on down home with me. it was a very stormy day.

Thur. 10 - Mr. Spafford went on down home this morning to day we have good sleighing and still snowing some. To day I have been working in the house helping to straten around.

Fri. 11 - Still snowing some this morning Pa and I went down to Picton took the stove over for repairs Did some business concerning the Farm. In the after noon it commence snowing harder and we started for home and I think it was one of the worse storms I was ever out in all the way from Picton it stormed a hurricane.

Sat. 12 - Pa Archie and I put up pipes all the fore noon in the kitchen and room. Drew up a load of wood. George L. Collier and Florance were down for the evening. The wind blew a gale all night long.

Sun. 13 - Still the wind is blowing a gale And cold. Annie M. and Nelse drove down. The sleighing is good.

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Sarah's Research Notes Historical Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

Nelson is busy working on making their new house comfortable and safe for the winter, a task described elsewhere by a contemporary as making ready "the fortress to resist the fiercest siege of King Winter."

Nelson writes of "banking the House", (and the hog pen) a job that was necessary to provide insulation around the foundations. People used what was readily available in their region. Nelson was probably using the straw he mentions here, but also used were: sawdust, leaves, seaweed and root vegetables.

They are putting up stoves and stove pipes, which would previously have been taken down for the summer. It was important to keep them in good condition for safe use in the winter. The American Agriculturalist advises: "In the spring clean all soot and ashes from every part and have them perfectly dry. Dip a soft cotton or woolen cloth in kerosene oil and rub over the whole surface; then wrap each piece in newspaper and store in a dry place."

Nelson and Archie are preparing their axes for chopping wood by making "helves", or handles. Axes, like many tools, were sold without handles and one could then custom make a handle to a size and form that fit to your own use.

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Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements
& Random Notes*

Many, Many Thanks, Many

I LOVE working on the *South Marysburgh Mirror* each month! But I wouldn't be doing so without the participation of the local community—the businesses that advertise, the contributors who right articles, the readers who send comments, the social organizations that use the Mirror to publicize their causes and create awareness of the fact that there are many people here and elsewhere who are not as lucky as we. Add to that list the stores and libraries throughout PEC who stock copies; to Printcraft who regularly exceed printing expectations; Shirley or “Dinsie” at the Milford post office for quick delivery, and to Laurie and her Mom who deliver to RR3.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Although there has been and will be disagreement among some as to articles written and opinions expressed in the *Mirror*, the fact we can do so in this small paper in this small community should be embraced and cherished. In whatever manner you celebrate the holiday season, I hope you are surrounded by those you love and who love you, and lead to a happy and successful 2016.

Steve Ferguson

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Winter Carnival

It's rather difficult to visualize the winter carnival during this extended fall weather, but plan we must. From what I understand there may be some new events and activities happening this year so watch next month's Mirror for the full schedule.

The Syrian Crisis

As we sit here in the comfort of our homes in Prince Edward County anticipating Christmas a the joyful involvement of friends and family, it's difficult to put yourself in the shoes of the Syrian refugees trying in any way possible to escape the Middle East and survive.

Prince Edward County, through pecsyria.org, is now doing its bit to help through the sponsorship of one family. As successful as the first sponsorship was, another local residents group is attempting to do the same thing for another Syrian family.

You can log onto pecsyria.org to learn more about the program and how to make donations. More information will follow in the coming weeks, but kudos to all involved.

Cancelled

Jackson's Falls Inn has had to cancel the David Maracle event to have been held on December 12th.

Coming Soon...

Beginning in early 2016, the Mirror will publish a 'Community Calendar' listing all upcoming events. This feature is intended as a one-stop feature to find out what events are occurring in the weeks and months ahead so residents and visitors can plan accordingly. Instructions of what to submit and when will appear next month.

Sea Symphony

The Mirror observed the extensive coverage given to South Marysburgh resident Tim Egan's travelogue, *What Next? Life Aboard Sea Symphony* given in the Picton Gazette a few weeks ago.

For those who don't know Tim and his charming wife Nicky, he became quite successful in the world of personal finance, retired and undertook taking up a mariner's life to fulfil his ambition to sail to the Bahamas. It's an amusing tale that outlines the trials and tribulations (and humour) of such an adventure. There's plenty of background about their personal lives in England, including Nicky's involvement with the musical British Invasion in the early 1960s.

All in all a fun read available at Books & Co. in Picton. (Full disclosure: the editor of the South Marysburgh Mirror lent some editing assistance to the book.)



Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

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South Bay U.C.W. & Milford Friendship Circle Announcements

Wednesday, Dec. 9 - U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall for a pot luck lunch at 12 noon. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. Devotional – Jannell Shaw; Roll Call – toiletry for Alternatives for Women; Program – Alice Miller; Objective – mitts and gloves for Athol School Children.



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(Life' continued from page 4)

Mon. 14 - Archie and I drove up after a grist it was cold. After dinner Pa and I banked the hog pen Lloyd has two upper teeth coming threw that makes him Four teeth I tell you He can chew like a horse and eat like a pig

Tue. 15 - Pa and Ma went up to Nelse Ostrander Archie is helping Hilton with his wood.

Wed. 16 - I went down with Archie and helped Hilton with his wood most mighty cold weather.

Thur. 17 - I helped Hilton till noon. After dinner down to Mr. Spaffords after Ina. Sleighing not extra. Archie had a little party here Arthur McCrimmons Maggy Wattam Hilton Edney Emerson Ethel Loney.

Fri. 18 - Ina was here helping Mirt straten the house up after the party last night Archie and I put a carpet down in the kitchen.

Sat. 19 - Archie and Arthur McCrimmon went over to Picton. Along towards night Eddie and Sarah Elize come out stayed all night.

Sun. 20 - Rained all day long Eddie and Sarah Elize went up to George Lewis Pa and Ma up to Nelse Ostrander yet. Byron arrived this after noon. He says Lib is Sick in bed.

Mon. 21 - Mirt and Byron washed. Archie helped Hilton. I went up to the store and Black Smith shop.

Tue. 22 - Xmas Tee at the Carman Mirt went. Byron and I stayed home with Lloyd. He was a good Boy.

Wed. 23 - The wind blew a gale all day. Archie and I each made a Axe helve. Towards night Archie went down and fitch Ina up and they went around to South Bay Church to their entertainment.

Thur. 24 - Archie and I went over to Picton after coal we had a miserable day rained all the afternoon.

Fri. 25 - Christams Mirt and I Lloyd went down to Mr. Spafford to spend our Xmas. Have had a good time and enjoyed the eating of Oysters. All were well. And I wonder if we all will enjoyed the pleasure off spending another Christmas together.

Sat. 26 - Mirt and I come up from Mr Spaffords. It was a mighty cold morning. After dinner killed the Bull rather some excitement before we could get his jugglers cut.

Sun. 27 - Cold and stormed all day. Mirt Lloyd were alone. Byron was up to Irvin Hicks.

Mon. 28 - Pa Archie and I killed a Hog. Still it was cold. The sleighing is very good.

Tue. 29 - Pa and Archie went to Picton took over our Sow and fitched home 1450 lbs of coal. It was a stormy day.

Wed. 30 - Archie and I took Pa's sow out to Uncle Nath's and then I bank the Hog pen. In the after noon Archie and Ma started for West Lake. Pa is up to Nelse Ostrand-ers.

Thur. 31 - I finished banking the House drew a load of straw back. Made a outside door. It has been a nice day.



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Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: Give and forget; receive and remember.

One day at work a man noticed his co-worker was wearing an earring. He knows his co-worker to be a conservative fellow and asks about his change in "fashion sense".

The man replies sheepishly, "Don't make such a big deal of this. It's only an earring."

His friend remains silent for a few minutes but his curiosity gets the better of him. "So, how long have you been wearing one?"

"Ever since my girlfriend found it in my trunk..."

A Teenager is....

- ◆ A student who will spend 13 minutes studying for a history exam and 12 hours for a driver's license.
- ◆ An enthusiast who has the energy to ride a bike for miles but is too tired to dry the dishes.
- ◆ A young woman who loves her cat but tolerates her brother.
- ◆ A whiz who can operate the latest computer without a lesson but can't make a bed.

An elderly man had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back which he fixed for swimming. He had picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go and check the pond as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he got closer, he saw it was a group of young woman skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you swimming or make you get out of the pond naked." Holding up the bucket he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator..."

How's that for quick thinking?

After many years, her wedding ring was worn and thin so she asked her husband to buy her a new one for her anniversary present. And this time, she would like one with diamonds.

They went to the jewellery store to pick one out and she said to her husband, "My eyes aren't as good as they used to be so I'd like a diamond I can see."

A customer standing nearby heard their conversation and remarked, "Sir, it would be cheaper if you bought her a pair of glasses." (Smart Alec)

Is it really true?

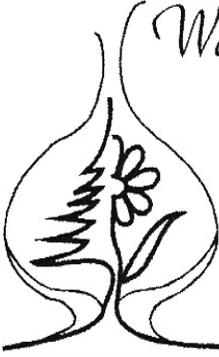
I just got off the phone with a friend who lives in Northern Newfoundland. He said the snow had been falling steadily and is nearly waist high.

The temperature is dropping way below zero and the wind is approaching gale force.

His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window and just stare.

He says if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.

Exit Line: Talk slowly. Think quickly.

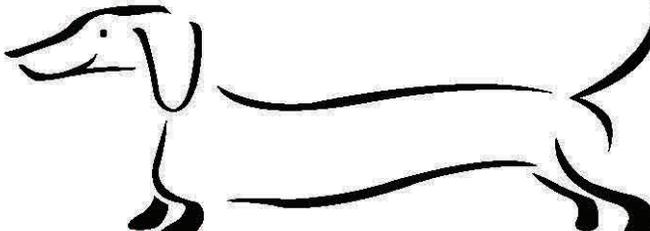


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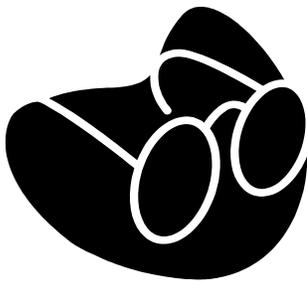
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Letter to the Editor

I am responding to Deborah Hudson's letter in the November Mirror. I do not think that Steve crossed any "line" in last month's *Mirror*. As the editor of the *Mirror*, Steve has the discretion to print what he feels is topical.

The overwhelming majority of residents in South Marysburgh are against IWTs. The few that are pro-wind are the County Sustainability Group (and from what I have read in their newspaper columns, their mandate is to stop fossil fuels at any cost) and a few landowners (most of them absentee landowners) who will profit from the turbines. Members of the CSG, have aligned with big-business wind farm developers by speaking on their behalf in their very professional local radio ads. Every time ads are aired it is they who are dividing the community.

Organic farmers should be very concerned about IWTs coming to South Marysburgh where they farm. Wind turbines kill twice as many bats as they do birds. Bats eat the insects that cause crop damage. There is a decline in various species of bats and with bats being killed by blunt trauma (flying into a turbine blade) or barotrauma (severe lung trauma from change in pressure the turbines cause) there will be an increase in insects. With the increase in insects farmers will need to put down more insecticides and these may blow into organic farmers' fields causing them to lose organic status. More insecticides will also affect bees, which help in pollination.

The wind industry says it takes up to 53 truckloads of cement to lay the foundation of one turbine. That is a lot of habitat lost for birds, bats, butterflies, bees, reptiles and animals. The endangered and threatened species that live there will not recover. You can bet that it will take centuries for that cement to break up and plants to grow again. Consider also that when the transmission line is laid, many old trees along the roads will be cut down to accommodate the hydro poles. wpd has spoken of burying the lines but with the bedrock being so close to the surface that may not be an option.

Industrial wind turbines only have a life span of 15 to 20 years max, they produce very little electricity, and cause CO2 emissions, yet pro wind advocates are willing to destroy the environment now for something that is short lived and will have very little effect on climate change. *Johanna McCarthy, Milford*

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Gifts for Hard-To-Buy-For People

By George Underhill

As the holiday season nears, I try to locate gifts you might not normally think of and be unable to locate, which is a good thing. A good example is the "Wake Up Light". This useless invention does not startle you awake, but mimics the sunrise in all its different colours. It not only allows you to awaken gradually as though the sun is rising, but includes five wake up sounds. The advertisement doesn't tell us what the sounds are, but I envision the sounds of birds singing to greet the dawn, or perhaps your boss screaming at you to move your lazy butt off the rack. This is a great idea and it can be yours for only \$147.84. A bit steep you might say, and I'd have to agree.

You can also purchase an "electric shock pen", which when the button is depressed to activate the ball point, a nice shock is transmitted to the user. Ha! Ha! This comes in packages of three, and I bet it's because when you get the Ha! Ha! shock, you throw the pen to the floor and step on it or impale it in the jokesters forehead.

The proposed gifts that really puzzle me are the base and tasteless ones. Who buys these? What deranged person thinks them up? One example would be the nose hair trimmer in the shape of a dismembered human finger. A nose hair trimmer is not something I would treasure as a Christmas gift, but one in the shape of a human finger is beyond comprehension.

There is a "God Almighty" action figure, believe it or not, which is a bearded and robed white guy that is presumably what the manufacturer believes God looks like. Now that isn't what makes this gift really stupid, though that should be enough. It's that he comes equipped with an AK-47 machine gun. I ask you, what would God need with an automatic weapon when if he wanted you gone he would just say so, or at worst point his finger and you would fade to oblivion.

If it's disgusting you want, here's a good example. For \$25 you can get a selection of "Roadkill Plush Toys". There's Smudge, the squirrel, or Sponge, the hedgehog. Each of these has bloodshot eyes popping

out of their heads from being squished and features "guts you can pull from their bellies". What deranged person came up with this, and what deranged person would buy it?

In the world of fashion, you can buy a purse that looks like a couple of pounds of raw hamburger or one that looks like a real cat carcass with the innards scooped out. If I was a policeman and spotted someone carrying a purse like this, I would get their identification as probable suspects in the next crime. With people roaming around like this, we want to stop carding?

If you need further proof that some have forgotten why we celebrate Christmas, a list of decorations for your tree include an ornament resembling a strip of bacon, or a fish head ornament for \$14.35.

This has all been too much for me. There's more, but it's depressing so I'll stop.

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South Bay U.C.W.



The U.C.W. meeting was held at South Bay United Church on Wednesday, November 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Maureen Rudd chaired the meeting and opened with a poem *Frowns and Smiles* and listing the essentials for a Survival Kit.

Our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer followed.

In lieu of a traditional devotional, Alice read an article by Edgar Guest entitled *Sermons We See*.

Seven members answered roll call by wearing a poppy in remembrance of all the veterans. Twenty-one sick calls were made. The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer Joyce reported sending money to the M&S for our annual donation.

We received a letter from Camp Quin-Mo-Lac thanking us for our support and requesting more. After some discussion, the suggestion was made that perhaps we could support our local facilities.

Everyone enjoyed Brenda's contest requiring us to fill in the blanks of old sayings. The meeting closed with our U.C.W. prayer. The ladies were not loath to join around the table and enjoy the lovely lunch supplied by Karen and Nora. After the ladies enjoyed a social time, Carol thanked our hostesses for a perfect ending to a congenial day.

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Sandwiches

By David Larkin

Since we came to the County we seem to have had a goodly share of excellent sandwiches. Certainly we always look forward to the fourth Sunday in the month when we have 'Sandwich Sunday' at St Philip's. A particular favourite is the Egg Salad Sandwich but there are times when everybody brings Egg Salad and the absence of variety is regretted. One of our congregation members makes great ham salad sandwiches but failed to do so last month, to my dismay.

So I thought about what I might bring as an alternative and my thoughts went back to my teenage days in England when I attended a sailing camp on the Norfolk Broads. We used to have delicious cheese and tomato sandwiches for our picnic lunches. But the trouble with a tomato sandwich is that it can go soggy. My answer to this is to chop up the tomato and mix it with mayo and, of course, the grated cheese. The quality of the sandwich depends on the quality of the ingredients: so many tomatoes in supermarkets are tasteless, but I enjoy the fully-flavoured small Campari tomatoes that I can buy at Metro all year round. For cheese, a sharp cheese is best (at least in my opinion) and I prefer Balderson Aged Cheddar, choosing the orange cheese for aesthetic reasons (Sobeys generally has it). I'm sure Black River has a cheese that would work well. I have used aged Gouda with success. I then add some chopped basil (preferably fresh), salt and pepper and a splash of made English mustard.

Getting back to the Egg Salad sandwich, not all these are made equal. I had a magnificent one the other day from The Lunch Box in the Picton Industrial Area. I believe that the term salad should be taken seriously, so I add chopped green onions and parsley, and perhaps chives. Chopped celery is another possibility. The texture is important so I prefer not to use a food processor but rather chop up the eggs in an egg slicer, cutting them into discs and then turning them 90° and cutting again. This gives what I feel is the right texture. To bring out the full flavour, I maintain that salt and pepper are essential, and I also add a little English mustard and a small dash of mild curry powder or paste. The filling should not be sloppy so I only add enough mayo to give a moist filling. The filling should not be dry or the sandwich will taste like cotton wool.

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In Belgium we used to be able to buy a 'Tambourin'. This was a drum-shaped loaf which had had its inside cut out and sliced to make a variety of triangular sandwiches. These usually included cheese, ham, paté, and steak tartare. On occasion I bought the Tambourin and made my own fillings using, cheese, ham, shrimp, paté and egg salad. The Belgians make marvelous paté, and I used to buy the paté a l'echalotte from the butcher in Casteau. The shop Tambourins came wrapped in cellophane and adorned with a big pink ribbon. They were ideal for, say, an office get-together. If you make one yourself, cutting out the inside and slicing it is a bit tricky and time-consuming, but it can be done. But so far I have failed to get any of the local bakers to agree to bake me a loaf of the right size and shape.

The last time I made a Tambourin was in Belgium. I ordered the loaf from the local Casteau Bakery, and, as my son, Patrick, and I had participated in the rescue of the baker's mother from her burning house, opposite ours, which had been struck by lightning, the Tambourin came with a magnificent pastry sculpture on top!

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Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

As with every other month, Council's scheduled activities in November were full. Major consideration was given to the Picton Main Street reconstruction and the awarding of a new tender; implementing a noise by-law for the Picton Terminals; filling ward recreation committee vacancies; and filling eight vacancies on PEHAC. We were presented with the water/wastewater study for 'urban' areas; learned of the need for a new fire department communications system; dealt with modest increases to the mayor's and councillors' salaries that will go before council in December; learned about community gardens in PEC and the need for a tree replacement policy; and, finally, participated in three Santa Claus Parades.

Beginning on December 2nd we begin work on the municipal budget. I am looking at 'gets' for South Marysburgh not the least of which are road repairs and the boat launch.

Two hot-button issues remain top of mind with residents: the size of council decision and the new fire truck.

Speaking to the former, John Thompson's plan for nine wards and a reduction of two councillors: Although my position was to keep 'status quo' (and am now referred to as a member of the "Status Quo Eight") John's plan ticks many of the right boxes so I agree with council's decision to approve this plan.

There are those reading this who feel I violated my election campaign promise to 'reduce' the size of council. I made no such promise in any of my material or in public statements 12 months ago; my campaign 'plank' was to 'review' and that we have done and a decision made.

My hope is that the size of council by-law will pass and that more important issues can have a deserving amount of time given to them.

As for the fire truck purchase. This was tough because the data to repair the current vehicle was originally \$25,000 but was later revised to over \$100,000 if the work could be done at all on a 1988 vehicle.

The purchase of the vehicle will be \$1 million (not \$1.2 million) and will increase with delay in ordering. The money to pay for it comes out of a reserve account set up specifically for the purpose of buying it.

The criticism among the public is that it's too expensive and is of limited use because PEC doesn't have many tall buildings. Consider, though, that buildings are getting taller in the County; that building codes are changing to allow use of flammable materials such as wood at greater building heights; and that the 107' aerial when in use must be employed from a distance away from the fire itself, in other words it will have to reach across roads, driveways, lawns, sidewalks etc.

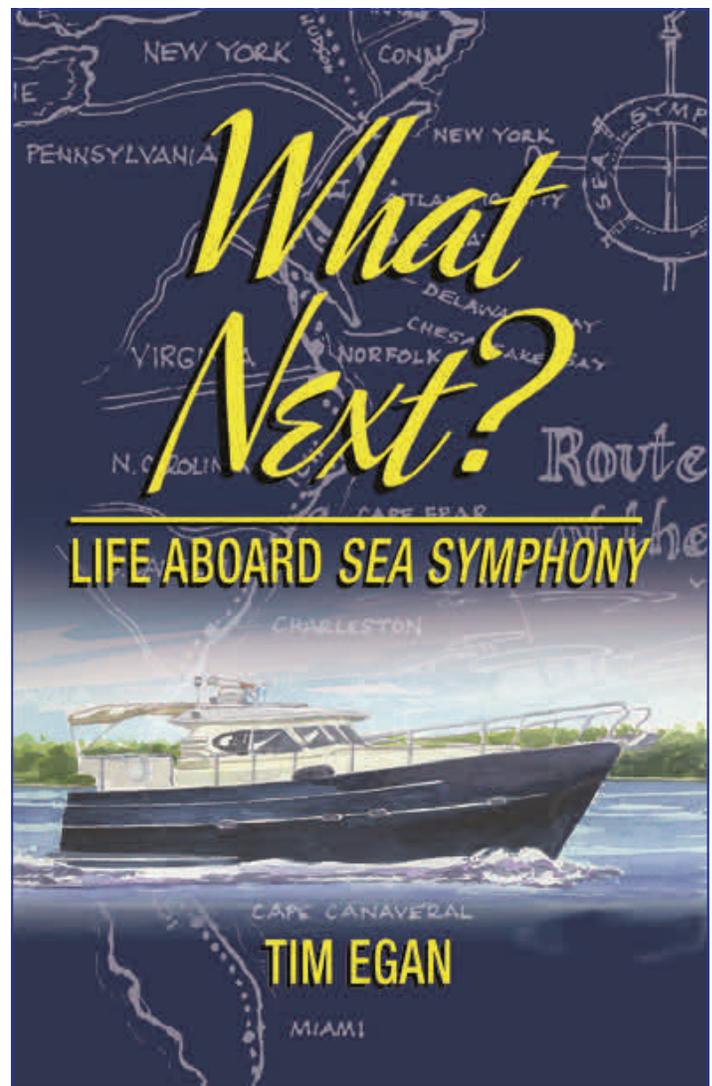
Although I didn't support the truck's purchase if the only repairs would cost \$25K, I supported it when those repairs ballooned to \$100K+.

I have been attending as many days of the Ostrander Point and White Pines ERTs as I can. On occasion I have posted on Facebook specific activity and testimony but if you want more complete information please go to the APPEC website or PECFN's for more detailed reports and to make a financial contribution.

The PECFN appeal is now over and a decision is expected in January or February next year. The decision about White Pines will arrive a little later in the year.

If you have the time to do so, please attend one of the meetings; it is important to demonstrate to the tribunal the level of interest in the PEC community.

Finally, after 12 months in the job of represent you and your interests in South Marysburgh I hope you are encouraged that we are making some progress. Please let me know of any concerns or issues, and have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.



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What's going on at The Library

By Christine Renaud



Everyone is invited to a special Library Open House at the Ann Farwell branch in Milford to celebrate the recent renovations and the launch of the Musical Instrument Lending Library for the County's Public Library system.

Join us on **Saturday, December 12th from 10:30 a.m. until noon** and enjoy refreshments and music in the newly redesigned open concept space. A draw will be held for free music lessons as well.

"The library is becoming increasingly a place for people to gather, and it was time to create a more spacious and inviting space," says CEO Barbara Sweet. The library had not seen a major renovation in several years.

Beautiful new bookshelves have been built by Bob Logan, as well as a movable children's area. Though redesigned, the library still holds lots and lots of books as well as DVDs and magazines, of course. Now it will also be the home where musical instruments may be borrowed.

Come learn about this new lending program, enjoy refreshments, chat with neighbours and, while you're at it, take out a book and support your local community branch library.

Note that beginning in January, the branches in Milford, Bloomfield, Consecon and Ameliasburgh will go to winter hours and will be closed on Fridays. All other hours remain the same.

Milford Library December Hours

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Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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